

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated. A complete set of the claims is included below, as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for editing a photo album page amongst a collection of a plurality of photo album pages, comprising:

displaying, in a first window on a computer screen, a first photo album page from among the plurality of photo album pages, wherein said first photo album page in said first window includes a group of photos;

upon receipt of a user command, automatically producing a second photo album page based on said first photo album page and displaying, in a second window next to said first window on said computer screen, said second photo album page for side by side comparison of said first photo album page and said second photo album page, said second photo album page in said second window also including said group of photos, each of said first and second photo album pages having a layout and being capable of being independently modified by said user through manipulation of graphical elements in said first or second window on said computer screen, wherein said automatically producing and displaying occurs without direct user ~~invention~~ intervention by said user beyond provision of said user command;

receiving first user input in one of said first or second window on said computer screen that modifies part of either said first or second photo album page, wherein said modification enables said user to contrast said first and second photo album pages; and

receiving second user input that selects one of said first and second photo album pages for inclusion in said plurality of photo album pages.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~17~~16, wherein said first photo album page includes a background pattern and text.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said receiving first user input comprises receiving instructions by said user to change an aspect of a background pattern or a layout on one of said first and second photo album pages.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said first and second photo album pages are word processor pages.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising deleting a photo album page that has not been selected.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a photo album page, comprising:

- opening a photo album page on a computer screen;

- assigning a background to said photo album page;

- selecting a layout configuration for said photo album page, said layout configuration defining a number of photos to be included on said photo album page, aspect ratios of said photos, and positioning of said photos on said photo album page, wherein said selecting is based on a graphical user interface that enables user navigation of a hierarchical organization of a library of layout configurations based on a number of photos specified by a user for said photo album page, said user specified number of photos being used to generate a graphical listing of thumbnail images representing a subset of said library of layout configurations, said subset of said library of

layout configurations supporting only those layout configurations having said user specified number of photos; and

placing a plurality of photos on said photo album page at locations defined by said selected layout configuration.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said opening comprises opening a blank page.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising selecting said background from a library of backgrounds that are represented by thumbnail images.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said assigning comprises assigning a background image to said photo album page.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said assigning comprises assigning one of a solid color, blended color, textured, patterned, thematic or mosaic background to said photo album page.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said selecting comprises selecting a layout configuration that includes placeholders for photo images.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said layout configuration further defines sizes and positions of text entries.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said placing comprises dragging and dropping a photo onto said photo album page.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said placing comprises copying and pasting a photo onto said photo album page.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said placing comprises selecting a group of images and automatically associating said group of images with a plurality of locations on said photo album page with a matching of image formats to image placeholder formats.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising automatically adjusting dimensions of a frame border and a photo relative to each other.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said layout configuration further defines size and orientation for said photos.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said hierarchical organization of said library of layout configurations is also based on an aspect ratio of photos.